WRONG, Professor George M

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467, JARVIS STREET,
TORONTO.

December 18, 1918

My dear President:

I am leaving for England to-night and am putting on record for you what I understand are the arrangements in respect to my department. Mr. Williams, who is the senior in respect to date of appointment, will be acting head. Captain George Smith is likely to return at once and my understanding is that he is to be on exact parity with Mr. Williams in respect both to rank on the Staff and to salary. I count both of them as permanent members of the Staff and think they should pass from the rank of Assistant Professor to that of Associate Professor.

Mr Kennedy is doing excellent work and I understand that he is to get the rank of Assistant Professor and that his total salary in the coming year, including $1000.00 which he has from St. Michael's, will be a minimum of $3200.00, with an annual increase in the future

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until it reaches the maximum of a Professor.

Mr. W. S. Wallace is giving most excellent service and we pay him very little, only $500.00. In view of his taking some more work during my absence I recommend that $200.00 be added to this for the coming term.

Miss Reid has been a most efficient and industrious member of the Staff. I look forward to having her in permanance. She has some thought of going to Oxford for a couple of years and, if she does, I would recommend leave of absence without pay. If she remains for next year I think her salary should be increased from $1000.00 to at least $1200.00. Considering her services she is the worst paid member of the Staff.

Mrs. Bott, formerly Miss Helen Macmurchy, has agreed to take up work during the coming term. She is giving nearly half time. I think that the $200.00 that you and I spoke of is hardly adequate and I came to this conclusion after a conversation with Mrs. Bott. I recommend therefore that she receive $300.00.

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Professor Hooke should, I think, go on next year on the same basis as at present.

Mr. Vincent Massey expects to return to the University in the autumn of 1919. I recommend that the former arrangement with him be continued.

The History Staff is still very inadequate considering the very large and increasing amount of work to be done. I think we must look forward to the expenditure of considerably larger sums in History in the near future.

James W. Tims
George M. Wrong

Sir Robert Falconer.

The Hollt,
Ripon - Yorks.
Feb 7 1919

My dear Falconer:

At last I am settled down here and really doing university work. After much buffeting the work is definitely settled here. There are drawbacks and much that is done is superficial but it is good work and I am glad to have a part in it. As yet I have perhaps 150 men in History - Matriculation. First, Second & Third Years. I told the Matriculation men that I was going to treat them as if they were already in the University, since most of them are 23 - 25 years old - They are taking English History. Fountains Abbey is near here so I told them that they must all write an essay on something relating to Fountains Abbey. The Archdeacon of Rich-

went for him a lecture on the Abbey and
yesterday I marched out (3 or 4 miles)
with about 100 of them & we had a
delightful afternoon. It is a wonderful
town in a wonderful setting & it will
help to make them visualize history. Most
of them seem very keen. This is a good
place for a camp. colder than the south.
but also dryer. There are Imperial
as well as Canadian troops here but
it is the Canadians whom one chiefly
meets, though there are some very
pleasant Imperial officers in the
hotel & there is much talk of Hugo
Rahling and football. I cannot say
that I am impressed by the brilliancy
the conversation but it is, at any rate,
sensible.

I am writing to-day chiefly
about Kenneth Bell. Please have a
talk with George Smith about him. G. S.
had a long talk with the Master of

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Bellot and so did I and the Chancellor thinks that we can hardly do better. Bell has been steadied & matured by the war. He has, as you know, boundless energy and initiative. I have seen him at Oxford and talked over matters fully. Both he and Mrs. Bell feared that their family ties (each has now a widowed mother living) would prevent their going to Canada, but I am sure that Bell thinks that this difficulty can be overcome. I shd explain that my son is leaving Manchester. He has made a great success of it & they want him to stay & they have given £750 or £800 if he stayed & lost part of his Magdalen Fellowship. But he ought not to stay. Osler's constant advice to him, on account of his heart trouble, has been to "go slow" and he could go slow at Manchester. So he is going to Oxford in the autumn and has

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light work than church will bring in £500
a year worth the asking & £200 or so more
for written work and his books are
excellent when also he can be free
from strain. Now Bell & he first
the man to succeed him at Manchester
& Bell can. I think, get the job. He
must act promptly. I advise you
& talk with J. Smith & if you
will & Margaret who knows well
Mrs. Bell & can tell you of
her as a "great helper" to
husband. Bell will come for
£3000. If you decide, as I hope you
will, to offer him the job. Cable
to me. Wrong. Sha Report will find
me for five or six weeks & Savile
Club London will always find
me - I know of course I should
myself to nothing beyond saying

5 to Bell that I sd be glad to know him.

Last Sunday when I was at the Sir H. Warren's Pres. of Magdalen. Prof. Slater of Bedford College London was there. He knew that his name had been mentioned for the chair in Latin at Toronto and he & Warren questioned me about the conditions there. I told Slater that $4000 in Toronto did not go nearly as far as £800 here. You can get a very good house, quite large, in Oxford for about $600 a year. The same house I cd get half as much again in Toronto - & think an Governor ought to understand that they will not get a first rate man & established reputation here for anything like $4000 a year. Slater himself is a man of about 50 rather shy

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Spa Hotel,
Ripon. Yorks.
Feb. 16 1919

My Dear President:

I have just heard from the Warden of Balliol that Kenneth Bell is taking work there until June. Then may easily be a vacancy. As Bill finds we need greater room to manoeuvre and Manchester & Oxford. But in any event change his mind if one be given to settle down in Oxford. Therefore I think that action on your part is rather urgent. We are not ready to get a letter now. We

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Yours in haste

George H. Wrong

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Beechholme
Winchester Rd.
Southampton

[illegible] here as Professor and we had brought in over him.

(3) There is the difficulty as to salary. We shall have at the beginning of July under you two associate-professors and one assistant-professor, and we are endeavouring as you know to give them fair salaries. To bring in another senior man at $4000 over them would be especially difficult at this time. I realize fully that we must strengthen your Department, but for the present year I think the best we can do would be a young man as a lecturer between $2000 and $2500. Possibly next year we might get another for you of a similar grade. I am inclined to think that if you could get a Canadian it would be an advantage in itself. With this both [illegible] and [illegible] here. Might it not be well to get another Canadian trained in Harvard or one of the best American schools of history. It is just possible that you might find one, and he might give another side to the training here. However, this is simply a suggestion, and I do not wish it to be anything more than a suggestion. It may be that you cannot find a Canadian. Certainly I know of none to recommend. The more I see of George Smith since his return the more I think of him. He should become in time a great strength to the Department.

I am sorry that you have had such a hard time, and that the weather has been so disagreeable. Many thanks to you for your excellent work.

I am glad to know that your son Harvey has done so well. What a pity it is that his health is not sufficiently strong

for him to throw the full energy into his research work. However, there may be in the long run some compensations.

It has a very interesting programme in connection with the centenary of Lovell's birth, which was made the occasion for restoring the unity of Indian literature and of combining the region-wealth interest. Tentatively the year out for this occasion have an excellent literature. Also that provision of the latest and worst which politics represented Capital. Lovell would welcome the visit of his grandson and there is also the unbounded love. I wish that you had an invitation to it.

The unfortunate event of this last has the right of removal has not yet an unfavourable effect for the province. This circumstance we have included [illegible] of your doctorine.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]

The Tha Hotel
Repon. March 7 1909

My dear Falconer:

Your cable regarding Bell came a few days ago. I have, of course, not yet received your letter, and I shall await it before saying anything further. Murray tells me that you and a Hebrew are my best friends: the world has turned against the most promising young men and a new generation must grow up before their places can be filled.

Tory has been here for a day or two and I have been discussing the work of the Rhode University and tells how I and you impressed him. The theological college seems to be going well. Dr Rexford tells me he never had students more earnest and the numbers seem to imply a so [illegible] full course - a considerable theological college. If the Rhode University should chiefly [illegible] our efforts. We must look about [illegible] we [illegible] Hebrew [illegible]

doing for lecturing work. I feel sure, however that they can not keep me that I was going to lecture to them and to organize a student force such as I do regard from matters now in a university. They have room to this effect only with two professors more teaching than one & usually get from first year students in Toronto. They are all doing magnificent and the quality of course work but a few are very good. I found that the men were so unaccustomed to reading that it will be well for a time at least to give them a pretty good dose of oral teaching so I am lecturing a great deal - much more than I do at Toronto. Undertaken in their helping me and we shall take the worker more individually or his or horrible and in this way I hope that we shall bring it more

March 10

Interruptions came when I had got so far (they come often in a hotel!) and I am only now free to write. Sometimes I lecture for three hours on end & this is pretty working. So go on with the work of the Khaki University. There is much disorganization

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at first. we have great News
when we were going to lectures and the militi.
ary authorities were lately very busy to change
the whole plans for learning. Now we have
settled & all goes very well. The building
arrangements are very satisfactory. There is
a C.O. for the whole College, and there is
also an adjutant. The men have to parade
daily for drill and instruction but they
are free from 9 A.M. to 12 M. and from
2.30 to 4-30 P.M. for lectures. They have
also their evenings and sunday, time enough
even to take exercise in the
open when they like for the evenings
are quiet and warm, a comfortable
fire in their own small chambers.
I have talked to instructors on other
departments. Capt. Rose, a classical
scholar, a Balliol man (the other instructor)
formerly Fellow of Exeter College, I was at
Exeter - but I am expected to
undertake scholarly talk even that is
agreeably interfered with by the fact

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OVERSEAS MILITARY FORCES OF CANADA.

KHAKI COLLEGE.

The Hotel,
Ripon, Yorks,
March 16 1917

Dear President.

I have not heard from you in the matter referred to you in your cable about Bell but I had some days ago a letter from George Smith on I wish to delay in your decision in my views I now write. I gather from Smith that on hearing from me recommending the appointment of Bell you made up your mind that this I mean his right to succeed me, that you consulted the senior permanent members of the staff and that they objected, as I think rightly, to an appointment now with this implication.

I will confess to considerable disturbance of mind at your interpretation of my recommendation. First of all, instead

and to her by at once, that my retirement in the near future is not likely. I have wished to be relieved of the duties which an indefinite number of questions on the Hospital staff has forced upon me for many years - have spoken and, did my utmost to do it. I have now had and asked how had some thought of retiring in order to finish certain work I, now half done. But my mind is now quite clear, will not permit this step. I am resolved instead to devote all my strength for the next decade to my science and this fixes the question of my retirement at a fairly remote future. What I think I have a right to expect from the University is to provide us adequate staff to do the work of my Dept. and enough funding, from Government & other sources for this special teaching, work which in my judgement is my most important duty & which I do

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I sh[d] wish, in any case, agree with you that the appointment of any one to any staff, would involve, unless it was one of the ordinary appointments, the [illegible] of [illegible] in connection with Bell. The recommendation with which you have [illegible] by his work in order to further promotion. He has had no more experience than other members of the staff. Before Neill returned to Canada I told him that we, in [illegible] Bell must be [illegible] of the recommendation for his promotion, has always been to be entirely frank with the members of my staff. From [illegible] my recommendation has put them in a difficult position

[illegible] for a number [illegible] which I desire (the first time that has occurred [illegible] and at present [illegible] also [illegible] difficult position by [illegible] to urge something which will check [illegible] to take any step which [illegible] some [illegible] [illegible] their work. Ultimately, we doubt not, there will be a number [illegible] in the [illegible] and [illegible] the field will be free for [illegible] [illegible] in the department.

I will say no more now but I hope that this explanation may lead you to modify your views.

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

Hon. [illegible]

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All Souls College,
Oxford.
24.8.19

My dear Chief

Many thanks for yours. I'm working on a salary at Balliol next term, & taking work elsewhere as well, as I must live. But I'm still free!

When are you coming down from the savage north? Soon I hope.

Great sport here now again: he is a dear fellow - at the top of his form.

Yours ever

Kenneth Bell

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NOS INTER BELLUM NATUS

KHAKI COLLEGE.

Ripon,
Dec: 27 1919

My dear President:

Murray told me that Bell was likely to go to Balliol and you will see that he has been appointed temporarily by the Council. No doubt they are keeping him but my judgment is that they will try to keep him or to get the type they need. We are not likely in ten years to have ~~another~~ a chance to get so good a man. If you want me to act as Cobb to Wrong Technology Manchester will read me.

Yours truly
George M. Wrong

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Manchester
Nov 4 1919

My dear Falconer:

I have this morning seen a third account of the death of Tom Kennedy. It is a most sad tragedy. I fancy that it is worse for him to keep a household together though, with his temperament, it is not going to be easy. I have some confidence that with the many wise friends who are advising him. He is always in difficulty about money and I fancy always will be though as far as I know he lives simply and is not extravagant. He has some standing now in the world of letters and ought to earn something by his pen. On the whole, since the main thing with him is income, I think that if you can have him at the grade of Assistant Professor and get give him $2800 or $3000 it will be all right. Then it will not be necessary for you to know the final status of Williams and Smith until next year. I do not know, of course, what exact pledges were given to him. Williams, in particular, desires to talk with the Provost for the future. I have recently had letters from them full of anxiety

about the financial future. We are just coming into the most expensive period of married life. I am well content with mine. As for me I can judge he has been tactful in his relations as temporary head and he gets on well with colleagues. The case of J. Scott is very pressing, since he is not married, but of course, that you do for one you will have to do for the other. The only modification in what you suggest wh. I would propose is that Kennedy should be left as Associate Professor of this can be made consistent with his getting the needed increase

When I was in France and Belgium I saw something of General Currie. For some time I have had in my mind that we should have either in my dept or in the University as a whole four or five lectures annually on related topics wh. we could publish as we did those on Federation in 1917. I am urging Tory and others to get the same thing done in their universities so that we may create a body of literature dealing with our problems. I suggested to Currie that he should give a lecture on the war and he received the proposal favourably. I have seen a good deal of Lloyd Harris, who is

in some ways a remarkable man and I made a similar suggestion to him. He is having some interesting experiences and is full of ideas about Canada's prospects after the war in the commercial world. Col Armstrong, who is on Lloyd Harris's staff, suggested that a lecture from Sir Robert Borden, probably on the Peace Conference, would be suitable. I have not seen Sir Robert Borden but perhaps you will wish to know if you think well of this or any difficulty about what I have suggested to Currie & Harris & the English to know of it. But if you approve of it perhaps you will write to both of them. In some ways Currie, Harris and Borden have been playing the three most important parts, here in Europe and each of them is liable to erratic questions. We might get two more lectures & I could myself give one of them if there is any difficulty about filling the places. I hope to be in Canada by the middle of September.

Forgive this dreadful paper. Potter is both dear & bad here just now. Indeed Canada is, in some ways, a check against Continental with England.

Yours very truly

George H. Wrong